

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1–5, 7, 9–12, and 14–20 were previously pending in the application. Claims 2–5, 7, and 9–11 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 16, and 17 have been amended. Thus, claims 1, 12, and 14–20 are currently pending with claims 1, 12, and 18 being independent. The Examiner allowed claims 12–15 and 18–20, objected to claims 11, 16, and 17, and rejected all other claims.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bryan (U.S. Patent No. 4,700,501). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bryan. Claims 5, 7, and 9 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bryan in view of Evans (U.S. Patent No. 4,660,317). Claims 1–4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bryan in view of Lindell (U.S. Patent No. 4,680,885). Claims 5, 7, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bryan in view of Lindell and Evans (U.S. Patent No. 4,660,317). Claim 11 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, claims 16 and 17 were objected to as reciting a term (“the power input”) that was not included in claim 12, from which claims 16 and 17 depend.

Regarding the objection to claim 11, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11, which previously depended only from claim 1.

Regarding the objections to claims 16 and 17, claim 16 has been amended to remove the language “the power input” and recite the language “a power input of the controller.” Claim 17 has been amended to remove the language “the power input is operable to accept” and recite the language “the controller is further operable to contain a power input for accepting.”

Claims 2–11 and 14 are canceled.

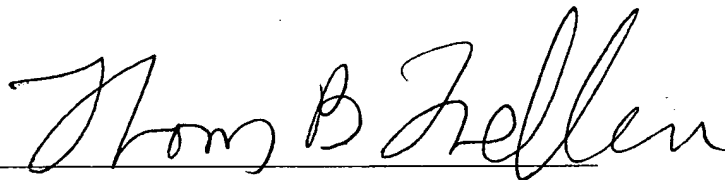
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In view of the remarks herein, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 12, and 14-20 are now in allowable condition and requests a Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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